



Additional documents

Ordinary Meeting of Council

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C2606-10 REVIEW AND AMENDMENT OF DOG EXERCISE AND PROHIBITED AREAS COUNCIL POLICY AND LOCAL LAWS RELATING TO DOGS

Proposed Amendment by Cr Andrew Sullivan

Amend the Dog Exercise and Prohibited Areas Council Policy, provided in Attachment 3, as follows:

a. Amend Clause 3.2 to read as follows:

"A person liable for the control of a dog, other than a *bona fide* ~~bone-fide~~ assistance dog, ~~accompanied by a visually impaired person or a person engaged in the training of guide dogs~~ shall prevent that dog entering or being in or upon any of the following specified areas."

b. Amend Clause 3.3 to read as follows:

"In addition to the areas defined in clause 3.4 below, food businesses, such as supermarkets and restaurants/cafes, are dog prohibited areas in accordance with the *Food Act 2008*, ~~with the exception~~ *inclusive* of unenclosed outdoor/alfresco dining areas, unless otherwise signed *and authorised by the owner or operator of that area.*"

c. Amend Clause 3.4 to read as follows:

"The following areas are specified as dog prohibited areas, whereby dogs are strictly prohibited, *excluding car parks and immediately outside a public restroom.*"

d. Amend the location for "Playgrounds" in Clause 3.4 to read as follows:

"An area generally featuring sand, rubber, bark, grass, or another impact attenuating (soft fall) surface, that is provided *with equipment and/or objects intended* for children's play and includes fixed play equipment such as swings, slides, climbing structures, seesaws, *nature play objects*, and any similar apparatus *or object* designed for recreational use by children."

e. Amend the definition of "Assistance dog" to read as follows:

"means a *bona fide assistance* dog to which section 8 of the *Dog Act 1976 (WA)* applies, and includes a dog trained *or in training to assist a person who has a disability or medical condition.* ~~to guide a person who is blind or vision impaired.~~



Reasons for amendment:

Amendments a, d and e are administrative and/or provide clarity of the intent of the clauses. Amendment b supports owners of these locations to in their choice of being a dog free, dog on-lead, or dog off lead location. Amendment c considers the practical use of carparks and public toilets in dog prohibited areas.



C2606-10 REVIEW AND AMENDMENT OF DOG EXERCISE AND PROHIBITED AREAS COUNCIL POLICY AND LOCAL LAWS RELATING TO DOGS

Proposed Amendment by Mayor Ben Lawver

Amend part 3 of the Officer's Recommendation, to read as follows:

- 3. Adopts the Dog Exercise and Prohibited Areas Council Policy, as provided in Attachment 3, *with an amendment to remove "Playgrounds" from part 3.4 of the policy, and request the CEO:***
- a. Prepare information on how the dog prohibition on individual playgrounds could be enforced through barrier fencing and/or any other measures that would bring effect to implementing the dog prohibition on playgrounds policy as currently drafted.*
 - b. Include a budget submission has been made by an elected member to pay for installation and ongoing maintenance and approved in the long-term financial plan.*
 - c. A thorough consultation has occurred with the local community about the potential options for enforcing the policy (including how fencing to keep dogs off local playgrounds would be installed) and a report brought to council for approval.*

Reasons for amendment:

To ensure no playground is deemed "dog prohibited" without first undertaking these actions. This would allow Council to better respond to community feedback. It was noted in our report that 77% of respondents opposed or somewhat opposed the policy as advertised and 72.3% of respondents specifically said they preferred NO additional prohibited areas, only some prohibited areas, or some on-lead only areas.

The only way to ensure dogs are excluded from sections of existing dog exercise areas would be to install fencing or other barriers surrounding the newly created prohibited areas. This reality was never part of the community consultation and our report specifically mentions *"fenced areas requires careful planning, design, as well as appropriate funding, delivery and maintenance considerations."*

Considering the creation of new dog prohibited areas within existing designated dog exercise areas on a case-by-case basis will allow for this work to be completed, shared with our community, and then brought to council for a decision.



C2606-10 REVIEW AND AMENDMENT OF DOG EXERCISE AND PROHIBITED AREAS COUNCIL POLICY AND LOCAL LAWS RELATING TO DOGS

Proposed Amendment by Cr Ingrid van Dorssen

Amend part 3 of the Officer's Recommendation, to read as follows:

3. Adopts the Dog Exercise and Prohibited Areas Council Policy, as provided in Attachment 3, *with the following amendments to clause 4.7:*

- i. keep "Rocky Bay Reserve" as a dog exercise area.*
- ii. keep "Prawn Bay" as a dog exercise area by removing the words in "North Fremantle Foreshore" location description: ", but excluding Prawn Bay which is dogs on lead."*

Reasons for amendment:

To ensure Rocky Bay Reserve and Prawn Bay remain dog exercise areas.



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PROHIBITED AREAS COUNCIL POLICY AND LOCAL LAWS
RELATING TO DOGS**

Proposed Amendment by Cr Andrew Sullivan

Add a new part to the Officer's Recommendation, to read as follows:

- 8. *During installation of the appropriate signage and a six-month period to communicate and provide education in relation to the changes to the dog local law and policy, the Chief Executive Officer is to provide a further report to Council on practical measures to lift the standard of responsible dog ownership and compliance with the dog act, local law and policy, including the manner and extent of enforcement to be carried out by officers.***

Reasons for amendment:

The level of officer time dedicated to dog control, enforcement and education going forward should be discussed. The report essentially suggests sticking to the status quo, but the community has expressed their need for more.



C2606-13 ELECTED MEMBER COUNCIL POLICY REVIEW

Proposed Amendment by Cr Andrew Sullivan

Amend the Officer's Recommendation, to remove the Meeting Procedures Policy from part 1 and include the following additional part 3:

3. *Adopt the Meeting Procedures Policy, provided in the Attachment 5, with an amendment to remove and replaced clause 7.3 with the following:*

7.3 *Participation at committee meeting*

- (1) A member who attends a committee meeting (who is not a member or deputy member of that committee) will be recorded in the Minutes as an observer.*
- (2) A member attending a committee meeting as an observer is considered a non-voting member and may not vote on a motion, move or second a motion, or raise a point of order.*
- (3) The presiding member shall extend to a member who attends a committee meeting as an observer the same speaking rights as afforded to a committee member.*
- (4) A member attending a committee meeting as an observer shall be seated at the committee table in a position separated from the committee members.*

Reasons for amendment:

To allow Councillors who are not attending a committee meeting as a member or deputy member to ask questions or make a statement and ensure they are noted in the minutes.



C2606-13 ELECTED MEMBER COUNCIL POLICY REVIEW

Proposed Amendment by Officers

Amend the Council Policies, as provided in the attachments, as follows:

Elected Member and Committee Member Allowances and Reimbursements

1. Amend clause 3.1 (c) Minor Hospitality to read as follows:
Part 3.3- Reimbursement of minor hospitality excludes the purchase of alcoholic beverages, unless pre-approved by the CEO.

2. Amend clause 4.1 Ward Newsletters to read as follows:

Elected members may be reimbursed reasonable expenses incurred for the printing and/or distribution costs incurred to print and/or distribute ward newsletters, including e-newsletters, in accordance with the following:

- a. The content of ward newsletters is to be approved by the Chief Executive Officer before distribution.
- b. Printing, delivery, and/or e-newsletter costs may be reimbursed for a joint ward newsletter a maximum of six times per calendar year, per ward; or an Individual councillor ward newsletter may be reimbursed for up to a maximum of three times per calendar year, *per ward*.
- c. An elected member may seek reimbursement of:
 - i. printing costs up to \$500; or **request up to 2500 copies, an appropriate number of printed copies for the number of properties within the ward (to be printed by administration), per newsletter edition; and/or**
 - ii. distribution costs up to \$500 per newsletter edition **(including e-newsletters); or**
 - iii. *distribution costs of up to \$500 per e-newsletter edition.*
- d. Elected member newsletters funded, by way of printing and/or distribution, by the City should state that the Information included is not provided as an official publication of the city of Fremantle.
- e. Decisions of Council and other City of Fremantle information must be accurately reproduced.
- f. Elected member newsletters funded (printing and/or distribution) by the City must not be used for electioneering purposes and must not support any particular candidate or group of candidates in an election.

Reasons for amendment:

To correct an administrative error in clause 3.1, and to increase the number of printed copies to align with the number of properties per ward.



C2606-18 NOTICE OF MOTION - SHORT-TERM ACTIVATION OF CITY OWNED PROPERTIES - CR JEMIMA WILLIAMSON-WONG

Proposed Amendment by Cr Jemima Williamson-Wong

Amend the Elected Members Motion to read as follows:

- 1. Investigate a new action for the Commercial Plan 2025-2030 to formalize a process for short-term activation of City-owned commercial properties where no suitable long-term tenant is identified within three months of an EOI closing, ~~or~~ *and* during the EOI process.**
- 2. Present a report back to council with recommendations for implementation.**

Reasons for amendment:

To ensure that opportunities for activation during an EOI process is also considered as part of the investigation completed by officers.